## Chapter 173-443 WAC, Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)

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#### WAC 173-443-010 Policy and purpose.

- (1) It is Ecology's policy under Chapter 43.21A RCW to provide for the systematic control of air pollution from air contaminant sources and for the proper development of the state's natural resources.
- (2) This chapter establishes the requirements for the transition to the use of less damaging HFCs or suitable substitutes in various applications in Washington in a manner similar to rules adopted by EPA, and that have been subsequently adopted or will be adopted in other states (RCW 70.235.080).

## WAC 173-443-020 Applicability.

- (1) This chapter applies to any person who offers for sale, leases, rents, installs, or otherwise causes to enter into Washington commerce, any product or equipment for the end-uses listed in WAC 173-443-040 if that product or equipment contains, uses, or will use a substitute restricted for that end-use in WAC 173-443-040.
- (2) The labeling requirements in WAC 173-443-070 apply only to manufacturers that were producing products or equipment containing or using HFCs as of July 28, 2019, or that have initiated or resumed producing such products at any time after that date. The labeling requirements also apply to importers or domestic distributors of any such product that is produced on or after that date.

#### **WAC 173-443-030 Definitions.**

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the text clearly indicates otherwise.

"Aerosol propellant" means a compressed gas that serves to dispense the contents of an aerosol container when the pressure is released.

- "Air conditioning equipment" means chillers, both centrifugal chillers and positive displacement chillers, intended for comfort cooling of occupied spaces.
- "Bunstock or bun stock" means a large solid box-like structure formed during the production of polyurethane, polyisocyanurate, phenolic, or polystyrene insulation.
- "Centrifugal chiller" means air conditioning equipment that utilizes a centrifugal compressor in a vapor-compression refrigeration cycle typically used for commercial comfort air conditioning. Centrifugal chiller in this definition is a chiller intended for comfort cooling and does not include cooling for industrial process cooling and refrigeration.
- "Cold storage warehouse" means a cooled facility designed to store meat, produce, dairy products, and other products that are delivered to other locations for sale to the ultimate consumer.
- "Component" means a part of a refrigeration system, including but not limited to compressors, condensers, evaporators, and receivers; and all of its connections and subassemblies, without which the refrigeration system will not properly function or will be subject to failures.
- "Dedicated label" means a label adhered or attached to a product, or otherwise included with the product, that is intended to convey required information to the end-user of that product on the inclusion or use of substitutes associated with that product.
- "Ecology" means the department of ecology.
- "EPA" means the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- "Equipment" means a collection of components assembled or manufactured to function together that contains at least one product, or that is in and of itself a product.
- "End-use" means processes or classes of specific applications within industry sectors, including but not limited to those listed in WAC 173-443-040.
- "Existing product label" means an existing label adhered or attached to a product, or to an existing box or packaging that encloses the product, that discloses the substitute contained, used, or to be used in the product.
- "Finished product" means [currently working to find an existing definition that fits.]
- "Flexible polyurethane" means a non-rigid synthetic foam containing polymers of urethane radicals including, but not limited to that used in furniture, bedding, chair cushions, and shoe soles.
- "Foam" means a product with a cellular structure formed via a foaming process in a variety of materials that undergo hardening via a chemical reaction or phase transition.

"Foam blowing agent" means a product or substance used to produce the product with a cellular structure formed via a foaming process in a variety of materials that undergo hardening or phase transition.

"HFC" means hydrofluorocarbons.

"Household refrigerators and freezers" means refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, freezers, and miscellaneous household refrigeration appliances intended for residential use. "Household refrigerators and freezers" does not include "household refrigerators and freezers – compact," or "household refrigerators and freezers – built-in." [WA HFC Statute uses the term, "residential consumer refrigeration products" as defined in 10 CFR 430.2; however the term is not used or defined in the federal rule. 10 CFR 430.2 defines "consumer refrigeration product" as a refrigerator, refrigerator-freezer, freezer, or miscellaneous refrigeration product." We chose instead to use "household refrigerators and freezers" as it is used by other states adopting HFC rules.]

"Household refrigerators and freezers – compact" means any refrigerator, refrigerator-freezer or freezer intended for residential use with a total refrigerated volume of less than 7.75 cubic feet (220 liters).

"Household refrigerators and freezers – built-in" means any refrigerator, refrigerator-freezer or freezer intended for residential use with 7.75 cubic feet or greater total volume and 24 inches or less depth not including doors, handles, and custom front panels; with sides which are not finished and not designed to be visible after installation; and that is designed, intended, and marketed exclusively to be: installed totally encased by cabinetry or panels that are attached during installation; securely fastened to adjacent cabinetry, walls or floor; and equipped with an integral factory-finished face or accept a custom front panel.

Integral skin polyurethane" means a synthetic self-skinning foam containing polyurethane polymers formed by a reaction of an isocyanate and a polyol.

"MDI" means metered dose inhaler or medical dose inhaler.

"Miscellaneous residential refrigeration appliance" means a residential refrigeration appliance smaller than a refrigerator, refrigerator-freezer, or freezer; and which includes coolers, cooler compartments, and combination cooler refrigeration or cooler freezer products.

"Manufacturer" means any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, governmental entity, organization, or joint venture that produces any product that contains or uses HFCs or is an importer or domestic distributor of such a product (RCW 70.235.010).

"Online disclosure" means disclosing the substitute contained, used, or to be used in products or equipment by ensuring that the information is available on an internet website that is accessible to the general public free of charge.

"Person" means an individual, partnership, franchise holder, association, corporation, a state, a city, a county, or any subdivision or instrumentality of the state (RCW 70.235.010).

- "Phenolic insulation board and bunstock" means phenolic insulation including but not limited to that used for roofing and wall insulation.
- "Polyolefin" means foam sheets and tubes made of polyolefin.
- "Polystyrene extruded boardstock and Billet (XPS)" means a foam formed from polymers of styrene and produced on extruding machines in the form of continuous foam slabs which can be cut and shaped into panels used for roofing, walls, flooring, and pipes.
- "Polystyrene extruded sheet" means polystyrene foam including that used for packaging and buoyancy or floatation. It is also made into food-service items, including hinged polystyrene containers (for "take-out" from restaurants); food trays (meat and poultry) plates, bowls, and retail egg containers.
- "Positive displacement chiller" means vapor compression cycle chillers that use positive displacement compressors, typically used for commercial comfort air conditioning. Positive displacement chiller in this definition is a chiller intended for comfort cooling and does not include cooling for industrial process cooling and refrigeration.

## "Product" means an article manufactured or refined for sale that contains or uses a substitute.

- "Refrigerant" or "refrigerant gas" means any substance, including blends and mixtures, which is used for heat transfer purposes.
- "Refrigerated food processing and dispensing equipment" means retail food refrigeration equipment that is designed to process food and beverages dispensed via a nozzle that are intended for immediate or near-immediate consumption, including but not limited to chilled and frozen beverages, ice cream, and whipped cream. This end use excludes water coolers, or units designed solely to cool and dispense water.
- "Refrigeration equipment" means any stationary device that is designed to contain and use refrigerant gas, including but not limited to retail or commercial refrigeration equipment, household refrigeration equipment, and cold storage warehouses.
- "Remote condensing units" means retail refrigeration equipment or units that have a central condensing portion and may consist of compressor(s), condenser(s), and receiver(s) assembled into a single unit, which may be located external to the sales area. The condensing portion (and often other parts of the system) is located outside the space or area cooled by the evaporator. Remote condensing units are commonly installed in convenience stores, specialty shops (e.g., bakeries, butcher shops), supermarkets, restaurants, and other locations where food is stored, served, or sold.
- "Retail foam products" means foam products that are created for the purpose of selling or otherwise providing that product as a finished product.
- "Non-retail foam products" means foam products that are created solely to be an input for another manufacturing product or purpose resulting in another type of product.

- "Retail food refrigeration" or "commercial refrigeration" means equipment designed to store and display chilled or frozen goods for commercial sale including but not limited to standalone units, refrigerated food processing and dispensing equipment, remote condensing units, supermarket systems, and vending machines.
- "Retrofit" means to convert an appliance from one refrigerant to another refrigerant. Retrofitting includes the conversion of the appliance to achieve system compatibility with the new refrigerant and may include, but is not limited to, changes in lubricants, gaskets, filters, driers, valves, o-rings or appliance components (RCW 70.235.010). [Definition taken from Subpart F of 40 C.F.R. Part 82 as it existed on January 3, 2017.]
- "Rigid polyurethane and polyisocyanurate laminated boardstock" means laminated board insulation made with polyurethane or polyisocyanurate foam, including that used for roofing and walls.
- "Rigid polyurethane appliance foam" means polyurethane insulation foam in domestic appliances.
- "Rigid polyurethane commercial refrigeration and sandwich panels" means polyurethane insulation for use in walls and doors, including that used for commercial refrigeration equipment, and used in doors, including garage doors.
- "Rigid polyurethane high-pressure two-component spray foam" means a foam product that is pressurized 800-1600 pounds per square inch (psi) during manufacture; sold in pressurized containers as two parts (i.e., A-side and B-side); and is blown and applied in situ using high-pressure pumps to propel the foam components, and may use liquid blowing agents without an additional propellant.
- "Rigid polyurethane low-pressure two-component spray foam" means a foam product that is pressurized to less than 250 psi during manufacture; sold in pressurized containers as two parts (i.e., A-side and B-side); and are typically applied in situ relying upon a gaseous foam blowing agent that also serves as a propellant so pumps typically are not needed.
- "Rigid polyurethane marine flotation foam" means buoyancy or flotation foam used in boat and ship manufacturing for both structural and flotation purposes.
- "Rigid polyurethane one-component foam sealants" means a foam packaged in aerosol cans that is applied in situ using a gaseous foam blowing agent that is also the propellant for the aerosol formulation.
- "Rigid polyurethane slabstock and other" means a rigid closed-cell foam containing polymers of urethane radicals formed into slabstock insulation for panels and pipes.
- "Stand-alone unit" means retail refrigerators, freezers, and reach-in coolers (either open or with doors) where all refrigeration components are integrated and, for the smallest types, the refrigeration circuit is entirely brazed or welded. These systems are fully charged with refrigerant at the factory and typically require only an electricity supply to begin operation.

- "Stand-alone low-temperature unit" means a stand-alone unit that maintains food or beverages at temperatures at or below 32°F (0 °C).
- "Stand-alone medium-temperature unit" means a stand-alone unit that maintains food or beverages at temperatures above 32°F (0 °C).
- "Substance" means any chemical, product substitute, or alternative manufacturing process, whether new or retrofit, intended for use in the end-uses listed in WAC 173-443-040.
- "Substitute" means a chemical, product substitute, or alternative manufacturing process, whether existing or new, that is used to perform a function previously performed by a class I substance or class II substance and any substitute subsequently adopted to perform that function, including, but not limited to, HFCs. "Substitute" does not include 2-BTP or any compound as applied to its use in aerospace fire extinguishing systems (RCW 70.235.010).
- "Supermarket systems" means multiplex or centralized retail food refrigeration equipment systems designed to cool or refrigerate, which operate with racks of compressors installed in a machinery room and which includes both direct and indirect systems.
- "Symbol" means a graphical or hybrid word-graphic symbol for the purposes of conveying the types of substitutes used in the product or equipment and signaling that further information on the use of substitutes is available through online disclosure.

"Unit" means a collection of like products bundled together for purposes of commerce.

"Unit label" means a label adhered or attached, or capable of being adhered or attached, to a group of like products bundled together for purposes of commerce.

"Vending machines" means self-contained commercial food refrigeration equipment that dispense goods that must be kept cold or frozen.

## WAC 173-443-040 List of prohibited substances.

- (1) The following tables list prohibited substances in specific end-uses and the effective date of prohibition, unless an exemption is provided for in WAC 173-443-050.
- (2) The prohibitions do not apply to products and equipment manufactured prior to the applicable prohibition date for that product.

End-Use Category: Aerosol Propellants			
End-Use Prohibited Substances Effective Date		<b>Effective Date</b>	
Aerosol propellants	HFC-125, HFC-134a, HFC-227ea and blends of	January 1, 2020	
	HFC-227ea and HFC-134a		

End-Use Category: Air Conditioning			
End-Use	Prohibited Substances Effective D		
Centrifugal chillers	FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, HFC-227ea,	January 1, 2024	
(new)	HFC-236fa, HFC245fa, R-125/ 134a/ 600a		
	(28.1/70/1.9), R-125/ 290/ 134a/ 600a		
	(55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A, R-407C, R-410A,		
	R-410B, R-417A, R-421A, R-422B, R-422C, R-		
	422D, R-423A, R-424A, R-434A, R438A, R-		
	507A, RS-44 (2003 composition), THR-03		
Positive displacement	FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, HFC-227ea,	January 1, 2024	
chillers (new)	KDD6, R125/ 134a/ 600a (28.1/70/1.9), R-125/		
	290/ 134a/ 600a (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A, R-		
	407C, R-410A, R-410B, R-417A, R-421A, R-		
	422B, R-422C, R-422D, R-424A, R-434A, R-		
	437A, R438A, R-507A, RS-44 (2003		
	composition), SP34E, THR-03		

End-Use Category: Refrigeration			
End-Use	Prohibited Substances Effective Date		
Cold storage	HFC-227ea, R-125/290/134a/600a January 1, 2		
warehouses (new)	(55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R404A, R-407A, R-407B,	-	
	R-410A, R-410B, R-417A, R-421A, R421B,		
	R-422A, R-422B, R-422C, R-422D, R-423A,		
	R-424A, R428A, R-434A, R-438A, R-507A,		
	RS-44 (2003 composition)		
Household	FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, KDD6, January 1, 2022		
refrigerators and	R-125/290/134a/600a (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5),		
freezers (new)	R-404A, R-407C, R-407F, R-410A, R-410B,		
	R-417A, R-421A, R-421B, R-422A, R-422B,		
	R-422C, R-422D, R424A, R-426A, R-428A,		
	R-434A, R-437A, R-438A, R-507A, RS24 (2002		
	formulation), RS-44 (2003 formulation), SP34E,		
	THR-03		
Household	FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, KDD6,	January 1, 2021	
refrigerators and	R-125/290/134a/600a (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5),		
freezers – compact	R-404A, R-407C, R-407F, R-410A, R-410B,		
(new)	R-417A, R-421A, R-421B, R-422A, R-422B,		
	R-422C, R-422D, R424A, R-426A, R-428A,		
	R-434A, R-437A, R-438A, R-507A, RS24 (2002		
	formulation), RS-44 (2003 formulation), SP34E,		
	THR-03		
Household	FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, KDD6,	January 1, 2023	
refrigerators and	R-125/290/134a/600a (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5),		
freezers – built in	R-404A, R-407C, R-407F, R-410A, R-410B,		
appliances (new)	R-417A, R-421A, R-421B, R-422A, R-422B,		

	End-Use Category: Refrigeration			
End-Use Prohibited Substances Effectiv				
	R-422C, R-422D, R424A, R-426A, R-428A,			
	R-434A, R-437A, R-438A, R-507A, RS24 (2002			
	formulation), RS-44 (2003 formulation), SP34E,			
	THR-03			
Supermarket systems	R-404A, R-407B, R-421B, R-422A, R-422C,	January 1, 2020		
(retrofit)	R-422D, R428A, R-434A, R-507A			
Supermarket systems	HFC-227ea, R-404A, R-407B, R-421B, R-422A,	January 1, 2020		
(new)	R-422C, R-422D, R-428A, R-434A, R-507A			
Remote condensing	R-404A, R-407B, R-421B, R-422A, R-422C,	January 1, 2020		
units (retrofit)	R-422D, R428A, R-434A, R-507A	,		
Remote condensing	HFC-227ea, R-404A, R-407B, R-421B, R-422A,	January 1, 2020		
units (new)	R-422C, R-422D, R-428A, R-434A, R-507A	<b>3</b> /		
Stand-alone units	R-404A, R-507A	January 1, 2020		
(retrofit)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Stand-alone medium-	FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, HFC-227ea,	January 1, 2020		
temperature units	KDD6, R125/290/134a/600a (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5),	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
(new)	R-404A, R407A, R-407B, R-407C, R-407F,			
` '	R-410A, R-410B, R417A, R-421A, R-421B,			
	R-422A, R-422B, R-422C, R422D, R-424A,			
	R-426A, R-428A, R-434A, R-437A, R438A,			
	R-507A, RS-24 (2002 formulation), RS-44 (2003			
	formulation), SP34E, THR-03			
Stand-alone low-	HFC-227ea, KDD6, R-125/290/134a/600a	January 1, 2020		
temperature units	(55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A, R-407A, R-407B,			
(new)	R-407C, R-407F, R-410A, R-410B, R-417A,			
	R-421A, R-421B, R422A, R-422B, R-422C,			
	R-422D, R-424A, R-428A, R434A, R-437A,			
	R-438A, R-507A, RS-44 (2003 formulation)			
Refrigerated food	HFC-227ea, KDD6, R-125/ 290/ 134a/ 600a	January 1, 2021		
processing and	(55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A, R-407A, R-407B,			
dispensing equipment	R-407C, R-407F, R-410A, R-410B, R417A,			
(new)	R-421A, R-421B, R-422A, R-422B, R-422C,			
	R-422D, R424A, R-428A, R-434A, R-437A,			
	R-438A, R-507A, RS-44 (2003 formulation)			
Vending machines	R-404A, R-507A	January 1, 2022		
(retrofit)				
Vending machines	FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, KDD6,	January 1, 2022		
(new)	R125/290/134a/600a (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5),			
	R-404A, R407C, R-410A, R-410B, R-417A,			
	R-421A, R-422B, R422C, R-422D, R-426A,			
	R-437A, R-438A, R-507A, RS-24 (2002			
	formulation), SP34E			

	End-Use Category: Foams	
End-Use	Prohibited Substances	<b>Effective Date</b>
Rigid polyurethane and	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc, and	January 1, 2020
polyisocyanurate	blends thereof	
laminated boardstock		
Flexible polyurethane	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc, and	January 1, 2020
	blends thereof	
Integral skin	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc, and	January 1, 2020
polyurethane	blends thereof; Formacel TI, Formacel Z-6	
Polystyrene extruded	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc, and	January 1, 2020
sheet	blends thereof; Formacel TI, Formacel Z-6	
Phenolic insulation	HFC-143a, HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-	January 1, 2020
board and bunstock	365mfc, and blends thereof	
Rigid polyurethane	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and	January 1, 2020
slabstock and other	blends thereof; Formacel TI, Formacel Z-6	
Rigid polyurethane	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and	January 1, 2020
appliance foam	blends thereof; Formacel TI, Formacel Z-6	
Rigid polyurethane	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc, and	January 1, 2020
commercial	blends thereof; Formacel TI, Formacel Z-6	
refrigeration and		
sandwich panels		
Polyolefin	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc, and	January 1, 2020
	blends thereof; Formacel TI, Formacel Z-6	
Rigid polyurethane	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and	January 1, 2020
marine flotation foam	blends thereof; Formacel TI, Formacel Z-6	
Polystyrene extruded	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc, and	January 1, 2021
boardstock and billet	blends thereof; Formacel TI, Formacel B,	
(XPS)	Formacel Z-6	
Rigid polyurethane	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, and blends thereof;	January 1, 2020
high-pressure two-	blends of HFC365mfc with at least 4 percent	
component spray foam	HFC-245fa, and commercial blends of HFC-	
	365mfc with 7 to 13 percent HFC-227ea and	
	the remainder HFC-365mfc; Formacel TI	
Rigid polyurethane	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, and blends thereof;	January 1, 2021
low-pressure two-	blends of HFC365mfc with at least 4 percent	
component spray foam	HFC-245fa, and commercial blends of HFC-	
	365mfc with 7 to 13 percent HFC-227ea and	
	the remainder HFC-365mfc; Formacel TI	
Rigid polyurethane	HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, and blends thereof; January 1, 2020	
one-component foam	blends of HFC365mfc with at least 4 percent	
sealants	HFC-245fa, and commercial blends of HFC-	
	365mfc with 7 to 13 percent HFC-227ea and	
	the remainder HFC-365mfc; Formacel TI	

# **WAC 173-443-050 Exemptions.**

(1) The following table lists exemptions to the prohibitions in WAC 173-443-040.

End-Use	Prohibited	Acceptable Uses
Category	Substances	Promote Carry
Aerosol propellants	HFC-134a	Cleaning products for removal of grease, flux and other soils from electrical equipment; refrigerant flushes; products for sensitivity testing of smoke detectors; lubricants and freeze sprays for electrical equipment or electronics; sprays for aircraft maintenance; sprays containing corrosion preventive compounds used in the maintenance of aircraft, electrical equipment or electronics, or military equipment; pesticides for use near electrical wires, in aircraft, in total release insecticide foggers, or in certified organic use pesticides for which EPA has specifically disallowed all other lower-GWP propellants; mold release agents and mold cleaners; lubricants and cleaners for spinnerettes for synthetic fabrics; duster sprays specifically for removal of dust from photographic negatives, semiconductor chips, specimens under electron microscopes, and energized electrical equipment; adhesives and sealants in large canisters; document preservation sprays; FDA-approved MDIs for medical purposes; wound care sprays; topical coolant sprays for pain relief; and products for removing bandage adhesives from skin.
Aerosol propellants	HFC-227ea and blends of HFC- 227ea and HFC-134a	FDA-approved MDIs for medical purposes.
Air conditioning	HFC-134a	Military marine vessels where reasonable efforts have been made to ascertain that other alternatives are not technically feasible due to performance or safety requirements.
Air conditioning	HFC-134a and R-404A	Human-rated spacecraft and related support equipment where reasonable efforts have been made to ascertain that other alternatives are not technically feasible due to performance or safety requirements.
Foams – except rigid polyurethane spray foam	All substances	Military applications where reasonable efforts have been made to ascertain that other alternatives are not technically feasible due to performance or safety requirements until January 1, 2022.
Foams – except	All substances	Space- and aeronautics-related applications where

End-Use	Prohibited	Acceptable Uses
Category	Substances	
Rigid polyurethane		reasonable efforts have been made to ascertain that other alternatives are not technically feasible due to
spray foam		performance or safety requirements until January 1,
Rigid polyurethane two-component spray foam	All substances	2025.  Military or space- and aeronautics-related applications where reasonable efforts have been made to ascertain that other alternatives are not technically feasible due to performance or safety requirements until January 1, 2025.

#### **WAC 173-443-060 Prohibitions.**

- (1) No person may offer for sale, lease, rent, install, or otherwise cause to enter into Washington State commerce any product or equipment within the end-use categories listed in WAC 173-443-040 if that product or equipment contains, uses, or will use HFCs or other prohibited substitutes for that specific end-use unless an exemption is provided for in WAC 173-443-050.
- (2) Products manufactured prior to the applicable effective date of a prohibition specified in WAC 173-443-040 may be sold, leased, rented, or otherwise distributed after the specified date of prohibition.
- (3) Except where an existing system is retrofit, nothing in this chapter requires a person that acquired a product or equipment containing a prohibited substance prior to the effective date of a prohibition in WAC 173-443-040 to cease use of that product or equipment.
- (4) Foam blowing agents in the possession of a manufacturer before a prohibition date but not yet applied on site may be used after the applicable prohibition date.

## WAC 173-443-070 Product labeling

- (1) No later than one year following an applicable prohibition date, or no later than one year following the effective date of this chapter, whichever is later, a manufacturer of products or equipment for sale or entry into commerce in Washington that contain, use, or will use HFCs or other prohibited substitutes for that end-use under WAC 173-443-040 must disclose the substitute contained, used, or to be used in the product or equipment.
- (2) A manufacturer must disclose the substitute through one of the methods in (a) through (i) of this subsection:
  - (a) For aerosol propellants used in products regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, or those products that are not covered by (2)(a) or (b):
    - (i) New dedicated label;

- (ii) Existing product label;
- (iii) On-box or on-packaging label;
- (iv) On-product symbol plus online disclosure; or
- (v) On-box or on-packaging symbol; and online disclosure.
- (b) For aerosol propellants used in products regulated by EPA under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, or by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration:
  - (i) New dedicated label;
  - (ii) Any option in (2)(a)(i) through (v) in this subsection; or
  - (iii) A product insert, such as a Safety Data Sheet (SDS), that complies with 29 CFR 1910.1200 and online disclosure.
- (c) For foam non-retail products:
  - (i) Unit label; or
  - (ii) One of the following methods for each individual product within a unit:
    - (A) New dedicated label;
    - (B) Existing product label; or
    - (C) On-product symbol and online disclosure.
- (d) For foam retail products:
  - (i) New dedicated label;
  - (ii) Existing product label;
  - (iii) On-box or on-packaging label;
  - (iv) On-product symbol and online disclosure; or
  - (v) On-box or on-packaging symbol; and online disclosure.
- (e) For the foam blowing agent used in spray foam:
  - (i) New dedicated label on the canister or cylinders;
  - (ii) Existing product label on the canister or cylinders;
  - (iii) On-box or on-packaging label; or
  - (iv) On-box or on-packaging symbol; and online disclosure.
- (f) For the refrigerant used in household refrigerators and freezers, household refrigerators and freezers compact, and household refrigerators and freezers built-in:
  - (i) New dedicated label; or
  - (ii) UL or equivalent safety label.
- (g) For the foam blown in or installed by the manufacturer of household refrigerators and freezers, household refrigerators and freezers compact, and household refrigerators and freezers built-in:
  - (i) New dedicated label;
  - (ii) UL or equivalent safety label; or
  - (iii) Owner's manual.

- (h) For the refrigerant used in commercial refrigeration equipment and air conditioning equipment:
  - (i) New dedicated label; or
  - (ii) UL or equivalent safety label.
- (i) For the foam blown in or installed in commercial refrigeration equipment and air conditioning equipment:
  - (i) New dedicated label;
  - (ii) Owner's manual; or
  - (iii) On-product or on-equipment symbol; and online disclosure.
- (3) Ecology must approve in advance the use of a symbol to comply with this section.

### WAC 173-443-080 Manufacturer Notification.

- (1) The manufacturer of products that contain or use HFCs or other prohibited substitutes under WAC 173-443-040 or a trade organization on behalf of its member manufacturers, must report to ecology consistent with WAC 173-443-090 and WAC 173-443-100.
- (2) It is only necessary for one person or entity to report with respect to a particular product that contains or uses HFCs or other prohibited substitutes under WAC 173-443-040.
- (3) In the event of a failure by at least one person to provide a complete, accurate, and timely report for a product within a product class, ecology will require information from manufacturers associated with a product in the following order of precedence:
  - (a) The person or entity that had the product manufactured, unless it has no presence in the United States.
  - (b) The person or entity that marketed the product under its name or trademark, unless it has no presence in the United States.
  - (c) The first person or entity, whether an importer or a distributor, that owned the product in the United States.
  - (d) This hierarchy in no way limits the liability of any manufacturer as defined in WAC 173-443-010 associated with a product from enforcement under chapter 70.94 RCW.

#### WAC 173-443-090 Initial Notification.

- (1) By December 31, 2019, each manufacturer or its representative must provide ecology an initial status notification of the status of products and equipment within each end-use using HFCs or other substitutes covered under WAC 173-443-040. This must include all covered products that the manufacturer offers for sale, leases, rents, or installs in Washington. All manufacturers must notify ecology by completing and submitting ecology's notification form. The current version of the form may be obtained at ecology's website.
  - (a) Using a form provided by ecology, this initial status notification must include:

- (i) Contact information on the manufacturer.
- (ii) The name of the party authorized to represent the manufacturer for purposes of providing initial status notifications and status updates.
- (iii) All products within an end-use that are applicable to the manufacturer.
- (iv) Which HFCs or other substitutes are being used by products within each enduse applicable to the manufacturer.
- (v) Signature and certification by the authorized representative for the manufacturer.

## WAC 173-443-100 Status Update Notification.

- (1) Within one hundred twenty days after the date of a prohibition under WAC 173-443-040, each manufacturer affected by the prohibition or its representative must provide ecology with an updated status notification using ecology's form. This notification must include:
  - (a) Whether the manufacturer has ceased the use of HFCs or substitutes prohibited under WAC 173-443-040 within each applicable end-use.
  - (b) What, if any, HFCs or other prohibited substitutes remain in use.
  - (c) Updated responses on all information requested in the initial status notification under WAC 173-443-090.

## **WAC 173-443-110** Severability.

If any provision of this chapter or its application to any covered party, person, or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter or application of the provision to other covered parties, persons, or circumstances is not affected.